



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Council Meeting  
May 13, 2003

April 28, 2003

Agenda Item: 16

Ms. Pat Kost, Clerk of Council, City of Lynchburg

PO Box 60

Lynchburg, VA 24505

Dear Ms. Kost:

I would like to speak before City Council at the May 13, 2003 meeting to request that Council amend City Code # 34 (sewer) in order to give our church relief from paying the sewer portion of water bills during the period that our steam boilers are in use to heat the church.

I am attaching copies of my letter to Ms. Lynn Watson, Utility Billing, City of Lynchburg and her reply to me regarding this matter.

Please mail confirmation on this to:

Ralph Tucker

5716 White Oak Drive

Lynchburg, VA 24502-1920

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ralph Tucker

Treasurer

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From: lynn.watson@lynchburgva.gov  
To: historicFBC@Juno.com  
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 17:03:12 -0400  
Subject: Utility Billing - Sewer Adjustment

Mr. Ralph Tucker  
Treasurer  
First Baptist Church  
P O Box 1159  
Lynchburg, VA 24505

Dear Mr. Tucker,

I received your letter on behalf of First Baptist Church requesting that

I  
not apply sewer rates to winter water consumption for customers with  
boilers in operation. The monthly billing of water and sewer consumption  
is based on existing City Codes #34 Sewer and #39 Water. Each City Code  
respectively sets the parameters for billing and list the rates  
applicable  
to consumption. The Seasonal Sewer Cap billing parameters are included  
in  
the #34 Sewer City Code. There are no parameters set in the code for  
boiler operation during the winter months. Also, I am not aware of any  
adjustment practice currently in use by the City of Lynchburg relative to  
boiler operation and steam evaporation for residential or commercial  
customers.

Lynn Watson, Utility Billing Supervisor  
Billings and Collections  
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April 22, 2003

The City of Lynchburg  
Utility Billing  
P. O. Box 6860  
Lynchburg, VA 24505  
Attn: Ms. Lynn Watson

RE: Water Bills First Baptist Church

Dear Ms. Watson,

It has come to my attention that during the winter months, when the boilers in our church are in operation, our water bills go up tremendously from an average of 200 CF to 600 CF the rest of the year. I am listing these instances as follows:

1-4-2000 - 4-5-2000  
94 CF

12-1-2000 - 4-2-2001  
132 CF

12-3-2001 - 4-2-2002  
91 CF

11-5-2002 - 2-6-2003  
91 CF

As these increases are due to our boilers being in operation and the excess water winding up as steam and not going into the sewer system, it is respectfully requested that an adjustment be made, as to the sewer portion of these bills, during these period of high water use.

It is also requested that you not apply this sewer fee to bills of this nature in the future. As it is city policy to give individual residences, during certain months, a relief from the sewer charge of the water bill for water used in watering lawns and gardens which does not go back into the sewer system, we feel that this same policy should be allowed for the church.

Please take this into consideration and advise.

Sincerely,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ralph Tucker  
Treasurer